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WATER TREATMENT PLANT INSTALLS ULTRA VIOLET LIGHT TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY

Medicine Hat – Medicine Hat's Water Treatment Plant is installing Ultra Violet Light (UV) Technology next week.

UV technology provides additional treatment against parasitic diseases like Giardia and Cryptosporidium to supplement the existing chlorine disinfection system.

This project is part of the Water Treatment Plant expansion that will increase the production capacity of the plant to prepare for additional city growth.

"The production expansion side of the project has been going well since it started last June," says Frank Wetsch, Manager of Treatment Plants. "The UV installation is planned for February and will take most of the month. Initial modifications to the main header will start the week of Feb. 4, 2007 and take about a week. Although the plant will go off line on several occasions during the week, we do not expect any impact on the public. Our reservoirs will continue to feed the city."

The entire Water Treatment Plant expansion project is expected to be completed this summer. Once completed, the plant will support growth for the next 15-20 years.

The project cost for the expansion and UV system is estimated at \$22,500,000.

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